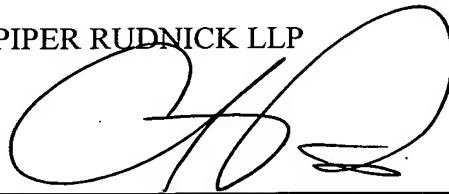


If any issues remain to be addressed in this matter, which might be resolved by discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned counsel at the number indicated below.

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Replacement for second full paragraph at page 19, lines 6-10:

Methods for the preparation of the ammonium polymers (i.e., where M in formula II above is nitrogen), related copolymers and the related starting materials are disclosed in Jones et al., Journal of Polymer Science, 25, 201 1957 [(1958)]; in U.S. Patent Nos. 2,780,604; 3,178,396; 3,770,439; 4,308,335; 4,340,522; 4,424,326 and in German Offenlegungsschrift 2,447,611.